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Mr. George W. Dutcher, P. E.  
Director, Dept. of Public Works  
New Castle, Delaware 19720

Dear Mr. Dutcher:

I telephoned the U. S. Public Health Service, Region II, Solid Waste Office on January 13, concerning the possibility of securing federal funds for the water sampling program at the new County landfill. The response was negative, amounting to "It is not very likely that such funds would be approved". The County landfill water sampling program is similar to projects which have already been undertaken, elsewhere. It is not regarded for the purposes of research or demonstration grants as being innovative. It is even difficult at the present time to get research and demonstration grant funds for projects which are regarded as being innovative.

There is a chance for "construction" grants if national legislation, which is in process, gets through.

We sent a "Demonstration Grant" packet of materials to Mr. Conner's office recently. The date of the cover letter was February 21, 1968, but they were not sent until late in 1968. We would appreciate it if you can get this packet from Mr. Conner's office. Our file is empty right now or else I would xerox a copy.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Westerman, Director  
Division of SolidWastes  
Bureau of Environmental Health

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